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SUBJ: MARITIME ADMINISTRATION INTEREST IN KUWAIT SHIPPING
ACTIVITIES

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1. EMBASSY RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MARITIME ATTACHE BRUSSELS, REQUESTING INFORMATION (TO BE SENT TO MARAD, WASHDC) ON MAJOR KUWAITI PROJECTS, TO ENABLE MARAD TO BRIEF BUSINESSMEN ON FUTURE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY AGREED AND IS SENDING COPY OF ITS PROJECTS LIST. EMBASSY IS ALSO SENDING TO BRUSSELS COPIES OF ITS SHIPPING AIRGRAM (REF A), AND OTHER RELEVANT CABLES.

2. UNTIL LETTER ARRIVED, EMBASSY FRANKLY UNAWARE THAT MARITIME ATTACHE WAS LOCATED IN BRUSSELS. EMBASSY HAD ROUTINELY MARKED SHIPPING CABLES, AIRGRAMS, ETC. FOR MARAD LONDON. EMBASSY HAS SINCE INFOED BRUSSELS MARAD ON RELEVANT TRAFFIC, BUT IT OCCURS TO US THAT THERE ARE OTHER MARITIME ATTACHES WHO MAY BE EQUALLY INTERESTED IN KUWAIT'S MERCHANT FLEET ACTIVITIES.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY HAS NOTED THE RISING USG AND PRIVATE BUSINESS INTEREST IN (A) KUWAIT'S OWN EXPANSION PLANS VIA KUWAIT SHIPPING COMPANY, (B) ITS INFLUENCE IN REGIONAL SHIPPING EXPANSION LIKE THE UNITED ARAB SHIPPING COMPANY, AND
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(C) PLANS OF PRIVATE KUWAITI BUSINESSMEN IN JOINT VENTURE

ARRANGEMENTS WITH AMERICAN FIRMS IN THE FIELD OF SHIPPING SERVICES (REFTELS). IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE EMBASSY TO DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION OF KUWAIT'S SHIPPING DEVELOPEMENTS MORE WIDELY, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ACTION ADDRESSEES PROVIDE LOCATIONS OF OVERSEAS MARITIME ATTACHES, SO THAT THEY MAY BE INFORMED ON SELECTIVE BASIS OF THESE DEVELOPEMENTS.
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